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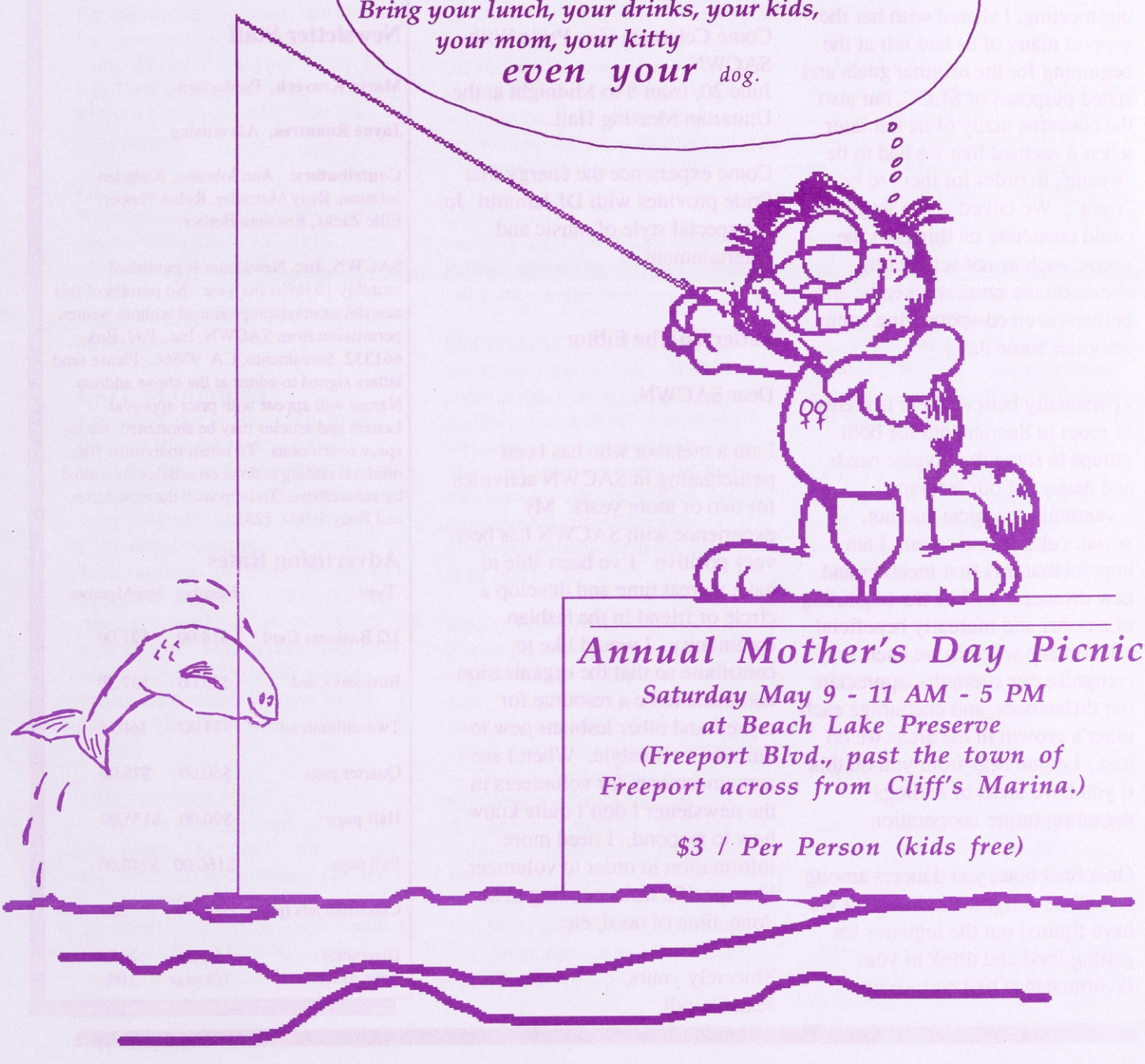

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A Message From the Steering Committee

This month I'm happy to report that I had a very pleasant meeting with Ellen French, former SACWN-ite and new co-chair of SLCC (Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change), that I hope will be productive for both organizations for the future. Ellen called me and requested a meeting to see if we could work out some of the angst and uncomfortableness between our groups. I told her that sounded very healthy indeed and let's do it. At our meeting, I shared with her the support many of us had felt at the beginning for the original goals and stated purposes of SLCC, but also the concerns many of us felt later when it seemed like we had to be "wrong" in order for them to be "right". We talked about ways we could cooperate on things in the future, such as not scheduling events on the same weekends, and perhaps even co-sponsoring some activities some day.

I personally believe there is plenty of room in Sacramento for both groups to serve the diverse needs and desires of our lesbian community, political and not, social, cultural and so on. I am hopeful that this first meeting and new discourse will be the beginning of a richer and mutually beneficial relationship wherein we each recognize our strengths, appreciate our differences, and encourage each other's growth in the areas we do best. Let me hear from you on this if you have ideas or feelings regarding future cooperation.

On a final note, you dancers among us will be delighted to hear that we have figured out the logistics for getting food and drink to your favorite dance hall and we have now reserved the Unitarian Universalist Society Hall on Sierra Boulevard for both the June and October dances. Yes, your favorite place, with its huge, wonderful wooden dance floor, great outdoor seating, romantic and private grounds, secure and secluded parking. See you there!

Rosy Metrailer
Corporate Coordinator

Upcoming Event

Come Celebrate Gay Pride With SACWN
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Come experience the energy that Pride provides with DJ Jammin' Jo, her special style of music and entertainment.

Letter To The Editor

Dear SACWN,

I am a member who has been participating in SACWN activities for two or more years. My experience with SACWN has been very positive. I've been able to have a great time and develop a circle of friend in the lesbian community. I would like to contribute so that the organization continues to be a resource for myself and other lesbians new to our area or lifestyle. When I see announcements for volunteers in the newsletter I don't quite know how to respond. I need more information in order to volunteer, like specific tasks needing to be done, time of need, etc..

Sincerely yours,
Jean Grandi

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Special Interest Groups -- May

Thank you, Kathy Mullen, for the spiffy new sign up sheets for the HUB — we have entered the computer age. So....I'm a little slow on the uptake. Thank you, S.I.G. facilitators for the great job that you do! And thank you, SACWN members for making the Special Interest Groups so successful!

Call me if you have a suggestion for new S.I.G. groups.

Ellie Zacks 967-3513

BRIDGE
For the best deal in town, join the fun-loving women of the SACWN bridge club. We will be playing Friday, May 8 at 7 PM and Sunday, May 14 at 4 PM. Call Suzy at 1-678-3581 for information.

GOLF
We need a new facilitator for this group. Call Ellie at 967-3513.

SOCIAL CONNECTION
Joan 795-1336, Ann 927-6038, Diana 487-3124.

LATE-BLOOMERS
Late Bloomers are invited to form a circle of friendship and support. Initially, the meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every month from 7-9 PM (May 6th and 20th). Following formation of the group, future agendas and meeting dates will be a group decision. The plan is to meet, talk and have fun socially. We're now up to six women and looking for more women to share our wishes, hopes and dreams. Contact Susan Giles at 928-2320 (work) or 641-1887 (home).

CULTURE CLUB
We've got several events planned for this month. On May 15, we're going to see Judy Fjell at the Palms. On May 17, we're going to San Francisco to see the Ansel Adams photography exhibit. On May 22 — Aliens III, opening night. On May 31, we're taking a trip to Tilden Park in Berkeley, ride the merry-go-round, fly kites and picnic. Call Ann at 927-6038.

TOP TEN
Top Ten is for the 10% of SACWN membership age 50 and up and their friends. We have a thriving membership — 45 women, many of whom have not reached their golden years. We meet once a month on the second Sunday and get together for dinner later in the month as well. For information, call Gaye at 456-4121 or Ariel at 483-9794.

DAVIS OVER 30
On May 17 we will be having a BBQ and potluck during the day. We'll have games, such as volleyball, badminton, croquet, whatever you like. Call Jody or Jean at 758-6746.

OUTINGS
For May we're planning a hike to Sutter Falls on May 17. For details, call Nancy at 454-5847.

SECOND STAGE RECOVERY
We're now one year old! We have evolved into a close group of sharing friends celebrating our growth and recovery. If you have at least one year in a 12 step recovery program and are looking for a safe, supportive, loving environment to continue your discovery through recovery, call Ann at 927-6038.

RAINBOW CAMPERS
Events planned for the summer are May 15 and 16 — Coloma on the river, June 12 and 13 — Calaveras, July 10 and 11 — Samuel P. Taylor campground, August (date unknown) — Coloma, September 5,6, and 7 — the Women's Festival at Yosemite, September 19 and 20 — Bullards Bar. For further information, please call Jayne at 921-6642.

WOMEN SURVIVING BREAKUP
This group needs a new facilitator. Call Ellie at 967-3513.

WOMEN'S WORDS (formerly PLAY-READING)
We have expanded this group to include not only play-reading but also short story reading and poetry reading. So bring your favorite lesbian writings to our meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Call Lenora at 444-0102 for location.

LESBIAN PARENTS
May's event on the 2nd will be a Shell Beach Excursion. Call Sherry 456-8653 for details. Hope to see you there. This group needs a new facilitator. Call Ellie at 967-3513.

BASKETBALL
We are playing Saturday mornings from 9-11 for fun and exercise. ALL skill levels are welcome; no previous experience necessary. For information on location, call Maggie at 456-1420.

NEWCOMERS
This group welcomes anyone new to SACWN or Sacramento, plus those who prefer a smaller group for getting acquainted with other SACWN members. We get together for dinner once a month, (May 10th). For details, call Nancy at 454-5847.

THIRTY SOMETHING
Do you want to meet and enjoy a small group of women that just loves life and enjoys laughter and fun? For information regarding time and place, call Sheri at 361-8537.

HIKING (new group)
Call Karen 753-6670.

National Coming Out Day

Lambda Community Fund is beginning to plan events to celebrate the 5th Annual National Coming Out Day in Sacramento on October 11.

Contact Rosy at 447-7255 if you are interested in representing SACWN on the planning committee.

Judy Fjell Review

by Kathelen Johnson

To celebrate Women's History Month SACWN sponsored a special evening at the Clarion Hotel on March 20, 1992.

This Judy Fjell concert was to me like a combination of a Peter, Paul and Mary hootenanny and a guided tour of lesbian herstory led by Peter Pan. Judy bounced, swayed, sang and strummed, Crystal Reeves accompanied with her awesome talent on the violin, and we all sang along. By nature Judy can't help smiling. She sparkled with energy and enthusiasm, and her irrepressible joy reigned supreme.

One has the impression that Judy is easy-going, relaxed, just chatting with us through the evening, talking to each woman in the audience with a personal one to one confiding intimacy throughout her unstructured, impromptu program. The illusion is perfect.

She opened by fiddling with her car keys, wondering aloud to herself, "Am I leaving?" She put them back in her pocket, felt something else in her pocket and drew it out, announcing, "Cough drops." Then she looked at us straight on and said with a twinkle, "Now you know all my secrets: I drive, and I cough."

That, with a political joke about Patrick Buchanan and his opinion of us lesbian "sickies", made a snappy lead-in to the first song with the refrain, "I'm calling in sick today: I've been diagnosed as gay. I won't be coming in to work 'til I get over my sexual preference quirk." How many of us will take her advice and put this on our telephone answering machines on October 11th, National Coming Out Day?

The next number was, "I'm living on dreams for now," wistful and romantic. Her voice has an excellent range, lovely vibrato, and skillful dynamics, and using a varied repertoire her expression ranges from ribald and witty to poignant and tender.

Crystal Reeves provided rich and fluid violin accompaniment, sometimes blending with the melody, or harmonizing with it, augmenting it or decorating it with elaborate filigree. For some songs, Crystal's violin began the lead-in, and in others it gradually entered after the piece was well under way. Her fiddling solo was breathtakingly awesome. Her fingers and bow move with lightning speed, creating melodies and chords with a brilliance that is unforgettable. And she sings a lovely harmony, too.

This was billed as "a retrospection of women's herstory that is lesbian affirming," and it certainly was. The long medley of songs from feminist archives was delightful: "We don't need the men", "A is for Amazon", "Leaping Lesbians", and "Ode to a Gym Teacher". And how many of us could identify with her feeling when she said, turning the knob, "I love to turn it up full blast. It's great hearing forbidden words boom out of the speakers".

Each section of songs in the program was introduced by Judy sharing her thoughts about being lesbian and how that makes her happy, how that makes us special. Personally, she admits, she was clueless for a long time. We're so invisible, she lamented. We have to find lesbianism one by one. We come from straight parents. We bear straight kids. "We have to make our own culture one person at a time."

She was generous with praise: "Most straight people aren't bicultural the way we are." She commended us: We're so used to existing in a straight world. We have two cultures we're living in and can pass back and forth and be comfortable. What talent! What skill!

And we sing. Girls sing. Women sing. It's natural. No one has to tell us to do it. Our different sounds blend together and are beautiful.

Judy, in the position of performer and songleader, whom we all looked to expectantly, looked to us, too, faced us and said with sincere admiration, "Thanks to all of you for being career women and going after your dreams. When we stand up for ourselves, it gives us all courage." We ended the program, all of us together, by participating as a chorus for her as she read to us her new and powerfully moving poem, "Listen to a woman's heart."

She bade us farewell with, "Hope to see you again! Meanwhile, take care of each other, and sing."

CLASSIFIED AD

On-going Group for Survivors of Sexual Abuse. Every other Monday, 6:30 to 8:30pm. Facilitator: Melinda Facelli, M.A. MFCC Intern #IMF15850. Call 783-0579.

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When we asked women to express what special thoughts they had about their mothers, here's what they said:

The greatest gift my mother ever gave me was to teach me independence and self-sufficiency. I will be forever grateful. **Annie Johnson**

She made me feel loved and very special. I wish I'd had more time with her. **E. Baptiste**

Thanks Mom for the opportunity to travel this year. **Jayne Rountree**

She's my best friend and she probably hears more from me than she wants to. **Jayne M.**

I gave my mother the book, "Now That You Know" and her gift back to me was finally understanding that her daughter was a lesbian who wasn't going to change. **Rosanna Herber**

My mom taught me the importance of having fun; dancing, singing, being playful - not being serious all the time. I wish she was still here to remind me sometimes. **Rosy Metrailer**

My mom once said, "We are more like sisters than mother/daughter". She participates in many activities with me - sailing, dinner parties, political functions - and spends time with my gay friends. I am very fortunate - my mom is very supportive of my lesbianism, and she is very proud of me and the newspaper. **Linda D. Birner, Publisher/ MGW Newspaper**

My mother was one of the most beautiful, brilliant, talented , and creative persons that I've ever known. **J.F.**

One of the most loving things that my mother said to me was after I told her that I was pregnant. She said, I'm not sure how I feel about your child being raised by two women but I know you don't do things without giving it a lot of thought and I know this will make you very happy and so I am very happy for you. **Jill**

Volunteer Job Board

May 9 -- 2 hours making name tags,helpingcheck-in at Mother's Day Picnic, Beach Lake Preserve.
June 20-- 2 hours doing name tags/ check-in, or 2 hours directing traffic for check-in at Pride Dance, Unitarian Meeting Hall. Call Linda at 486-8985.
May 6, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 9 Oct. 7, Nov. 11 -- 2 hours at meetings and 2 hours per month writing reviews of events or other articles for this newsletter, or 4 hours per month calling on prospective advertisers for this newsletter - May- Nov.
May-Sept 19--Volunteers needed to help design and organize our infamous "Lesbian Love Connection/Lesbian Dating Game" program set for September 19 at the Clarion, probably 1-2 hours a month + 4-5 hours in September. Call Rosy at 447-7255.

Calendar of Events

SACWN Events

May 9 - Mother's Day Picnic Beach Lake Preserve

June 20 - Pride Dance Unitarian Meeting Hall

July - No event - vacation!

Community Events

Mondays Women's Rap & Social 7-9pm. Stop Smoking - a drop-in self-help program at 5:30. Both at the Lamda Center. Call 442-0185.

Tuesdays Being Gay Today, 10pm on Cable 18.

Thursdays Women's Coming Out Group 6-7:30 Call Lamda Center 442-0185.

Fridays Country Western Dance at 7:30pm at MCC. Call 454-4726.

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May 30 7pm -Mayor Anne Rudin To Make Her Swan Song With CAP PAC. A long-time friend and supporter of Sacramento's Gay and Lesbian community, Rudin will be the keynote speaker at the California Capital Political Action Committee (CAP PAC) annual fundraiser dinner. The dinner will be held in the Sacramento Community Convention Center Metropolitan Room, For ticket information, call 432-1475.

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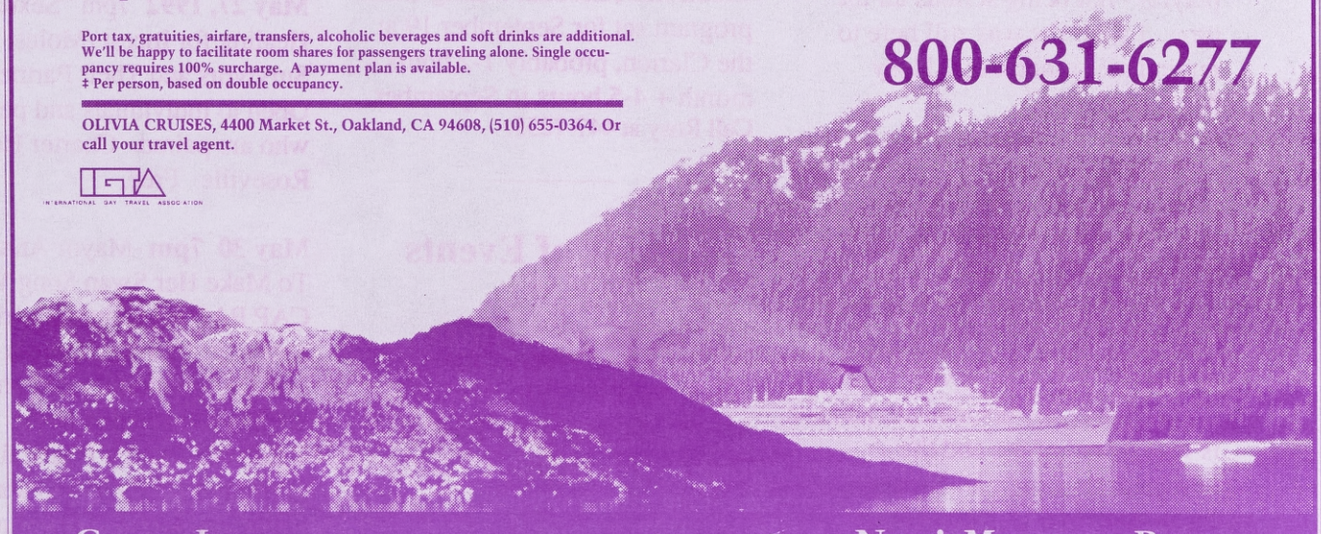

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